



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2020

Saint James Lutheran Church
Grosse Pointe Farms



The Lily of the Valley is mentioned in scripture 15 times, most frequently in Song of Solomon. The Lily of the Valley is said to symbolize humility, the tears of Eve as she left the Garden of Eden, and the Second Coming of Christ.

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WELCOME

Welcome to Saint James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America welcomes you to our online worship during Ordinary Time, which we mark as the Sundays after Pentecost. This season is about growth, faith, discipleship and the Great Commission.

While we are not yet together in the sanctuary due to the COVID19 pandemic, we confidently trust that the Holy Spirit of God makes us one even when we are at a distance from one another.

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Lector, Intercessor

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear differences and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through + Jesus Christ,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Your sins are forgiven.
Live now in hope, for hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

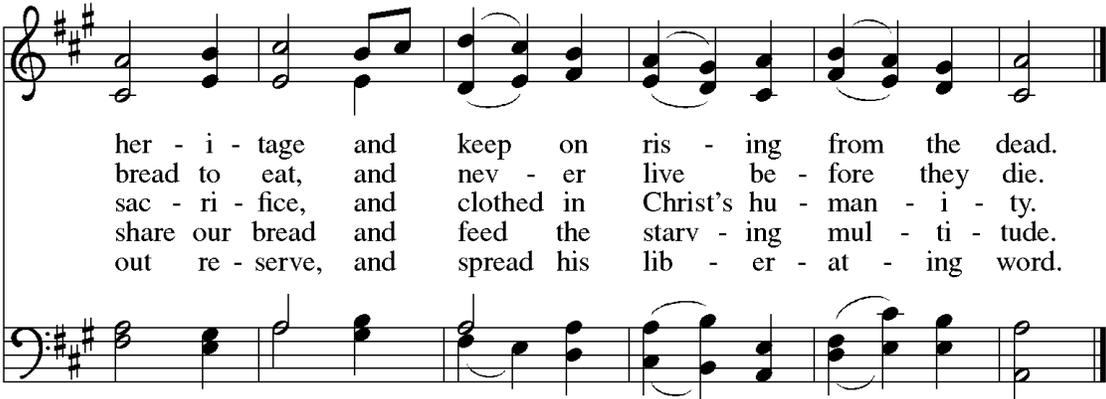
The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 28:5-9

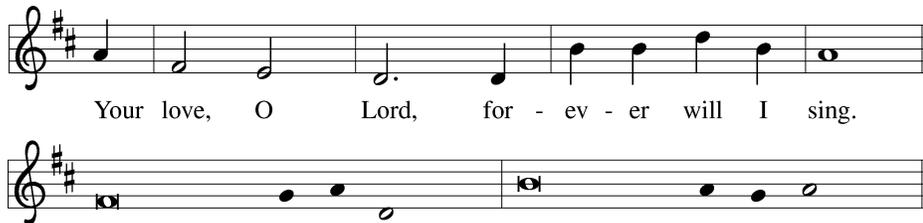
Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18



- ¹Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.
- ²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;**
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.
- ³**"I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;**
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:
- ⁴**I will establish your | line forever,**
and preserve your throne for all | generations." R
- ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.
- ¹⁶**They rejoice daily | in your name;**
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.
- ¹⁷**For you are the glory | of their strength,**
and by your favor our might | is exalted.
- ¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;**
our king to the Holy | One of Israel. R

Psalm 89:1

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

A reading from the book of Romans.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy Strong Word

Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944
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GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion’s face and lis - t’ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned, especially those we name silently or aloud... (*brief silence*). Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Help us to prepare ourselves as we move toward worshipping together in community. Stir in us patience, compassion for those who feel anxiety, open minds and hearts, and the joyous anticipation of gathering in your name.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray today especially for Genesis Lutheran Church, Christ Church Iroquois Avenue, and all of the Detroit churches whose lives as in-person communities are not yet able to plan to gather again for worship because of the ongoing crisis of COVID19. By your Spirit, draw the people of these congregations together that their communities may remain strong and vibrant, and draw us together with them to share the burden of our sisters and brothers in our synod.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died, especially those most dear to us. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

All this and whatever else you see that we need, grant us O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Choral Benediction

Besig/Price

Katy Shrader, violin
Carolyn Shrader, voice
Lisa Shrader, piano

May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel, lead us back if we should stray;
May the light of God shine on us today.

May the love of God live in us today.
May the love of God live in us today.
May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.
May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us as we go our separate ways,
May the peace of God be with us,
May the love of God live in us,
May the light of God shine on us today and ev'ry day!

BENEDICTION

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y_a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

SENDING

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Poco Vivace* (from *Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi*) Hermann Schroeder



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